

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the title starting on page 1, at line 1, with the following:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CALL PROCESSING IN RESPONSE TO
A CALL REQUEST FROM AN ORIGINATING DEVICE

Replace the paragraph starting on page 9, starting at 22, with the following:

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The CPC system 20 may return a Trying response (at 204), followed by a 183 In-Band Ringing response (at 206). The In-Band Ringing response indicates that the destination has been found and the receiving network element is attempting to reach the called party. In-Band Ringing allows the CPC system 20 to provide media to the caller, such as a ringback, a recorded announcement, and so forth prior to answering the call. As an alternative, instead of a 183 In-Band Ringing response, a 180 Ringing response may be sent by the CPC system 20. The 180 Ringing message indicates that the destination has been found and the receiving network element is trying to alert the destination. When the initiating user system receives the 183 Ringing message, it generates locally a ring indication.

Replace the paragraph starting on page 13, at line 29, with the following:

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The instructions of the software routines or modules may be loaded or transported into the node or element in one of many different ways. For example, code segments including instructions stored on floppy discs, CD or DVD media, a hard disk, or transported through a network interface card, modem, or other interface device may be loaded into the system and executed as corresponding software routines or modules. In the loading or transport process, data signals that are embodied as carrier waves 9 (transmitted over telephone lines, network lines, wireless links, cables, and the like, as shown in Fig. 1) may communicate the code segments, including instructions, to the network node or element. Such carrier waves may be in the form of electrical, optical, acoustical, electromagnetic, or other types of signals.